1	2	3
7.	Number of PWD roads damaged	773
8.	Number of S.P.T. bridges damaged	66
9.	Number of RCC bridges damaged	25
10.	Number of pipe Water supply schemes affected	301
11.	Number of Irrigation schemes damaged	5

Irrigation schemes in the Vidarbha Region

†1049. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount earmarked for the irrigation schemes for Gorikhurd, Bavanthadi, etc. in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra very little has been disbursed for these schemes;

(b) if so, whether the pace of work on these schemes have been very slow;

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government to expedite these schemes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that work on irrigation schemes is not hampered for want of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Irrigation is a State subject and planning, execution funding as well as priority of execution of irrigation projects is within the purview of the concerned State Governments. However, the Central Government provides financial assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme as per prevailing guidelines of the programme for expeditious completion of irrigation projects. The central assistance under AIBP provided to the States is based on the physical and financial programme for execution of the project provided by the State Governments with due provision in the States budget for works and ceiling for AIBP for the States fixed by the Planning Commission in consultation with concerned State Governments.

Bawanthadi Project is an Inter-state project between Government of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra while Gosikhurd project is a project of State Government of Maharashtra. Madhya Pradesh portion of Bawanthadi project was included in AIBP in 2003-04 and so far, Central assistance amounting to Rs. 54.1001 crore has been provided to Government of Madhya Pradesh for the project. Maharashtra portion of Bawanthadi project was included in AIBP in 2004-05 and Central assistance amounting to Rs. 47.119 crore has been provided to the Government of Maharashtra for the project. Gosikhurd Project is being provided financial assistance in phased manner. The project was included in AIBP in 1996-97 and so far, Rs. 241.3157 crore has been provided to the Government of Maharashtra for the project. A Statement indicating central assistance provided to major and medium irrigation projects of the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra till date is given in the Statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Central Assistance (CA)/grant released under AIBP up to 2007-08 to MAHARASHTRA (Vidarbha Region)

(Rs. in crore)

SI. No.	Name of State/Project	Amount Total
	Major, Medium Irrigation Projects	
	MAHARASHTRA (Vidarbha Region)	
1	Gosikhurd	241.3157
2	Upper Wardha	197.9945
3	Wan	59.5636
4	Bawanthadi	47.1190
5	Wan Phase II	2.0295
6	Pothra Nalla	5.6255
7	Utawali	10.2546
8	Purna	22.1211
9	Kar	4.2100
10	Lower Wardha	29.9300
11	Lal Nalla	5.9000
12	Khadakpurna	62.3700
13	Arunavati	6.2800
14	Madan Tank	1.5105
15	Dongaragaon	1.5090
	TOTAL:	697.7330

Nationalisation of rivers

1050. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to evolve scientific criteria for selection of national rivers;

(b) whether rivers with a trans-boundary issue could fall into this criteria, and

(c) whether Government also propose to create a North-East Water Regulatory Authority to manage rivers of Brahmaputra-Barak Valley under this nationalisation of rivers scheme?